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NOTES OF REGAR RYBERTS.

The Pederal bench has but an able and ne-emplished lawyer by the death of John W, Showalter, one of the Circuit Judges of the United States for the Seventh Circuit. Judge showalter was born at Minerya, in Mason coun-ty, Rr. in 1944, was graduated at Yale College to the class of 1867, where he was then of his class, and after reading law and tes in Kentucky he went to Chic school id neurosay so went to Chicago in 1872 and remained in softwe pushine there will 1805, when he was appointed Circula Judge by President Cleveland. As it is be-level that Judge William R. Day, recently Services of State and a member of the Sp. isa Peace Commission, would like an appearant in the Federal Judiotary, it has been st pested as not improbable that he will be Judge puted at not improved that he will be Judge shoulder's successor. To appoint him, how-ear. Fresident McKinley would have to ge outside the Seventh-Oircuis, which comprises illucis. Indiana and Wicconsin, Judge Day is a resident of Ohio, which is in the Sinth Fed-

The general lien law of this State, enacted in 1817. provides for an artisan's lies, on persons property in these words: "A person who makes, sitem, repairs or in any way enhances the value siters, repairs of in any way ennances the value of an article of personal property, at the request or with the consent of the owner, has a lien on grant article, while lawfully in possession thereof, for his reasonable charges for the work done and materials furnished, and may retain possession thereof until such charges are paid." In a case which recently arcse in St. Lawrence county the plaintiff claimed a lieu under this statute upon a quantity of loss which he had out out of a spruce forest. Judges Leslie W. Bussell of the Supreme Court has desided that the "provision which we have quoted applies only to skilled labor and upon property which is solely personal. "Before the loss were cut." he says, "the trees formed a part of the realty. The set of convexting the realty into personal property does not, in its got article, while lawfully in possessio realty into personal property does not, in its initial stages, constitute a making, altering or repairing of an article of personal property. It might as well be said that one who mows and gathers in a field of standing grass would have a lien upon the har for the amount of his sec-

The question what constitutes a public place eithin the meaning and intent of a statute providing for the punishment of intoxication in public places has recently been passed upon by the Appeliate Court in Indiana, where the Judges found no difficulty in reaching the conusion that a defendant had not violated such statute by being drunk at a dancing party assists by being drung at a private residence, there is an Alabama decision in regard to schighting in public places which the Indi-gus court refused to follow. The cockfight essured in a bit of thick woods half a mile from the highway, and this was held to be a sublic place because from asyanty-fracks one public place because from seventy-five to one undred persons gathered there to witnes the contest between the birds. This is properly criticised, we think, as a strained oos tion of the term. As to the attempt to turn a man's house into a "public place," the Supreme Court of Indiana has well said: "The private house of a gentleman at which he gives or holds a party cannot within the meaning of the statute, or in any sense of society or zov-ernment, be understood to be a public place. A public place is where all persons have a right to co." At the same time, it is suggested in the case to which we refer that the persons attending such a party might constitute a public assemblage in the eye of the law.

The Court of Appeals handed down a few deeisions on Friday afternoon and adjourned until Jan. 9, 1869. Among the decisions was one of great practical importance to parties interested in the procedure in the Surrogates' courts of this State, where errors have been discovered in judicially settled accounts more than two years after the Surrogate has made his de-see. When fraud is alleged and shown the Surrogate may undoubtedly set saide the deing the lapse of more than two years; but his power to do this in cases of mere mistake has heretofore been questioned or denied. It is now definitely established by the determination of the Court of Appeals made on Friday in the matter of Henderson, which went up from the Second Judicial Department. No fraud in the account was alleged, and the only error was made by the person himself who applied to the Surrogate four years after the decree to vacate it and correct the mistake. A majority of the Brooklyn Appellate Division, speaking through Mr. Justice Cullen, held that the Surrogate had jurisdiction to grant the application, and the Court of Appeals is of the same opinion.

The full opinion of the Wreck Commissioner's Court in the case of the steamship Mohegan, which was lost on the coast of Cornwall, with 108 lives, on the 14th of October last, leaves the catastrophe practically unexplained. It is true that the Court answers the question. "What was the cause of the stranding of the "Basel?" by saying: "The Court is of the opinfor that the cause of the stranding of the ves sel was that a wrong course was steered after passing the Eddystone, at 4:17 P. M." But how the wrong course came to be steered remains a mystery. The Court declares that the compasses were in good condition and suffitient for the safe navigation of the vessel; tha ther could not have been affected by the electrie current from the ship's lighting system ; that the Captain was in good health and gave his personal attention to the management of the vessel after leaving the Thames; that a per lookout was set, and that the master and this officer observed the course of the vessel, the chief officer looking into the binnacie continually between 4 and 6 o'clock on the afternoon of the disaster. It would seem that the loss of the vessel was due to their failure and the failure of the seamen on the lookout to see what was before their eyes and what they ought to have perceived. Increus as the accident thus appears to have been, it is satisfactory to note the finding of the court that, after the casualty, every possible effort was made by the Captain, officers and crew to save life, and good discipline was maintained

At the annual dinner of the alumni of the University Law School on Thursday evening. Mr. Horace E. Deming, speaking in response to the tonat of "The Bar," protested against the notion that the courts and lawyers were not as Worthy of respect as the courts and lawyers of the olden time, and said that "what was lacking nowadays was the dramatic element which attached to the practice of the last century." On the same day there was published a dearription of a scene in a St. Louis court which seemed sufficiently dramatic to supply the element which Mr. Deming misees. A discatisfied afterney draw his revolver in token of his indistration at a ruling of the Judge, whereupon the Judge, in turn, not desiring to be slain on the spot, drew his own pistoi and awed the angry lawyer into submission. Nor has the dramatic element lately been lacking in the riminal trials which have attracted so much attention in this city. Lawyers, parties and vitagenes have been allowed unusual license in expressing their opinions of one another. We are inclined to think that the less drama the more justice there is in judicial proceed-

On Friday Mr. Justice Bischoff, sitting at a Special Term of the Supreme Court in this edy, refused to award the custody of a child to her Chinese parents. The child was claimed en the one mind by her lather, a Chinaman allied Hoe How, and on the other hand by a terson named Clark, who had obtained an orde, J Maption. This order, however, was inwant decause procured upon the mother's con-sent acone. Nevertheless, the Court heid that and should remain under the care of the berwo who had thus endeavored to adopt her. lidge Bischoff suid, the well-being of the is the main question to be considered in of this character, and he was unwilling to send the sittle siri back to parents who were being smokers and dealers in opium, and who had been the shift. a neglected the child.

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GUES AND ENIVER IN SALOON ROW. Two Bartenders Stabbed, Two Puglitatie

tomers Shot; All Arrested. Francis McDermott and George Fitzgerald, bartenders employed in the Baines law hotel at 645 Third avenue, were badly beaten on BY OLD Third avenue, were badly season of G33 Third avenue and William Marshail of 344 East Ninety-fourth street. These two men, necompanied by James Nierney of 110 East 102d street, went into the salcon shortly before 12 o'clock and after taking a few drinks the fight started. Bottles, beer glasses and chairs were at first used as weapons.

The bartenders finally overpowered the three men and put them out of the saloon. McDermott had a stab wound in the back

McDermott had a stab wound in the back and his right ere was swollen. Fitzgerald's face was battered and he had been stabbed in the right shoulder.

The bartenders had just completed an inventory of their finiuries when the three men returned and the fight was resumed. McDermott, it is alleged, then drew a revolver and began shocting. Policeman Fitzgerald of the East Thirty-fifth street station heard the shots, and on entering the place found Corcoran and Marshall lying on the floor. The former was shot in the right leg, his left arm was broken, and his face was bruised.

The two were taken to Bellevue Hospital. Fitzgerald, the bartender, was carried to his home at 31d East Thirtieth street, and Nisrney, who said he had taken no part in the row, was looked up as a witness. McDermott disappeared, but was arrested at his home, 81 is Second avenue, and was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

In the Vorkville Court vesterday Nierney said

Second avenue, saw members of the pital.

In the Yorkville Court yesterday Nierney said he saw the fiashes from the pistol, but did not know who did the shooting. He said he saw Corcoran stab the bartenders. Magistrate Rudlich paroled McDermott for examination next Saturday and discharged Nierney.

BABY DIED OF MOTHER'S MEDICINE

GREENFORT, L. I., Dec. 17.—Coroner Miles was summoned to Baiting Hollow this morning to hold an inquest over the body of a 2-yearold child. Iva Downs, daughter of D. Lewis Downs. The child was seized with convulsions yesterday afternoon. Melissa Cook, a servant, testified that the child, while out of her sight, had taken some pills which had been prescribed for her mother. The child died at 3:30 o'clock. The jury rendered the verdiet "that Iva Downs died by accidentally taking her mother's medicine, which had been given to her by the doctor without any caution as to its being harmful." old child, Iva Downs, daughter of D. Lewis

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WANTS TO MANAGE HER OWN MONEY. Mrs. Knapp Repents of an Ante-Nuptial

Jeannette M. Knapp, wife of Alfred S.Knapp, has obtained a decision from Justice Stover of the Supreme Court setting aside an antenuptial agreement, by which she turned her entire estate over to James Wiggins as trustee. She is a daughter of Bobert H. Arkenburgh, who died in September, 1890, leaving an estate who died in September, 1890, leaving an estate of nearly a million dollars, a widow and six children. When her father died she was engaged to marry knapp, and she did marry him in Becamber, 1880. The day before the marriage she executed the ante-nuptial trust deed, so that she turned over her interest in her father's estate and anything else she had to Mr. Wiggins on the terms that she was to have the income for life and that on her death two-thirds of the principal was to go to her children and one-third in trust to her husband as long as he remained single.

She says she was young and inexperienced when she made the deed, and had no business dealings. She did not believe that she was putting all control of her property out of her hands. She has received from Mr. Wiggins \$10,000 in a lump and \$1,500 a year. She says she desires to have a turn at managing her own property, as she has since had business experience. There was practically no objection to the suit, as Mr. Wiggins said he would be pleased to account and retire on decree of the court.

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Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Clinton Avenu Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., at 2 P. M.

BEOWN.—On Saturday, Dec. 17, at his residence

15 West 103d st., after a brief illness, James Brown, superintendent of the Direct U. S. Cable

DOUGLAS .- On Friday, Dec. 16, at the Win Hotel, Hortense Pauline, daughter of the late Samuel T. Arms rung and widow of Henry Livingston Douglas of Tarrytown, N. Y. Services on Monday, the 19th, at 11 o'clock, at the Church of the Heavenly Best, 5th av. and 45th st. Interment at Tranton, N. Y.

GERATY.—At his residence, 26 Van Voorhis st., Brooklyn, on Saturday, Dec. 17, Martin Geraty. Solemn requiem mass at the Church of Our Lady of Louries, Aberdeen st., corner Broadway, Brooklyn. Relatives and friends are invited. No flowers.

HART.—On Friday, Dec. 16, 1898, at his residence 200 1st av., James P. Hart, beloved husband of Lines M. Congrove, and son of the late Domi and Christina Hart.

Funeral from his late residence on Monday, Dec. 19, at 9:30 A. M.; thence to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Hast 14th st., where a solemn mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul. JOHNSON, Suddenly, of heart failure, Friday

evening, Adelaide Hine Johnson, wife of Solomon Whittlesey Johnson. Funeral services will be held at her late residence, 415 Clinton av., Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday Dec. 19, at 1 o'clock.

CHANCE.-At his residence in Princeton, N. J. on Friday, Dec. 16, 1868, Dr. John Stillwell Schanck, in the Sist year of his age.
Funeral services at 3 o'clock on Monday in First Presbyterian Church.

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General as Prosecuting Attorney. ALBANY, Dec. 17.-Benjamin J. Shove, a ormer District Attorney of Onondaga county, has been designated by Attorney-General Hancock to conduct the criminal proceedings against canal officials, based on the reports of the Canal Investigating Commission and of Judge Countryman. Judge Countryman's report recommended that criminal prosecutions be commenced against State Engineer Campbell W. Adams and State Superintendent of Public Works George W. Adridge, Mr. Shove lives in Syracuse, and when the Attorney-General was District Attorney o. Onoadaza county | Mr. Shove acted as his assista

Mr. Shove reached this cury at to o'clothis morning, took his oath of office before the Secretary of State and immediately increaser left for his home. He will go over all of the

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The opinion expressed by State officials is that there are no real grounds stated in Judge Countryman's report on which to base criminal proceedings against Mr. Aidridge and Mr. Adams. While they arimit that technically these two officials may have been liable, as the heads of the State departments, for the acts of their subordinates, it is argued that the men who should be proceeded against are the engineers and other employees who were in direct charge of the work. The next Grand Jury meets here on the second Monday in January.

Rusiness Troubles.

Chara V. Hoeder, confectioner at 344 Sixth avenue, made an assignment yesterday to Edwin F. Steen, without preference.

James B. McDonald filed a voluntary petition.

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A perision in involuntary bankrupter was fled yesterday against David L. Torrey, money broker and banker, of 147 Nassau street, by Henry Cooper, Geear Richter and John Phin, creditors, whose claims aggregate \$534. Torrey made an assignment on Oct. 14.

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The Commander of the Hartford Says That

He Is a Victim of Mistaken Identity. Capt. David Stevens, who is in charge of the United States transport Hartford and served as Lieutenant in the navy during the civil war, was arrested on Friday night in Brooklyn for participating, as alleged, in an assault on William J. Bennett in his saloon at Willoughby and Pearl streets on the evening of Dec. 9. Capt. Stevens dropped into the saloon on Friday night, and Bennett, claiming to have identified him as one of his assaulants, had him arrested. At the hearing before Magistrate Nostrand in the Alams Street Court Capt Stevens Jennet it was a clear case of mistaken hentity, and that he could establish a perfect alibi. He was paroled pending examination to-morrow. Bennett recently had trouble with his neighbors in Hendrix street, and to aptit them advertised for a negro tenant for his house there. United States transport Hartford and served

Ward G. Mason Dungerously Ili. CHICAGO, Dec. 17 .- Ward G. Mason, the Chieago attorney whose name has been recently urged by Yale alumni in the West as that of a fit candidate for succession to the chair of a fit candidate for succession to the chair of President Dwight, was atricken yesterday with vertigo, and lies in a dangerous condition at St. Luke's Hospital. Mr. Mason was in a safety deposit variat examining some papers at the time. He fell, striking his head against the edge of a stone step.

Woman Found Dead on the Sidewalk. Clara Elebrich, a cook, 45 years old, was found dead yesterday morning on the sidewalk in front of 103 West Teath street. She had been out of employment for some time. She lived at 250 West Nineteenth street, and was on her way to an intelligence effice when she became ill. The cause of death is supposed to be heart failure.